

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph at page 9, line 5, as follows:

~~Patent Document 1: Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 11-238318 specification~~

Please delete the paragraph at page 9, line 7, as follows:

~~Patent Document 2: published Japanese translation of PCT international publication for patent applications No. 2001-507471 specification~~

Please delete the heading at page 9, line 10, as follows:

~~Disclosure of the Invention~~

Please add the following paragraphs at page 13, after line 1, as follows:

Patent Document 1: Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 11-238318 specification

Patent Document 2: published Japanese translation of PCT international publication for patent applications No. 2001-507471 specification

Please add the following heading at page 13, before line 2, as follows:

Disclosure of the Invention

Please replace the paragraph at page 53, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A reproduction method according to the present invention for reading and reproducing audio information and another kind of information from a record medium where the audio information and another kind of information are recorded, characterized in that: the reproduction method includes, an audio-information reading step of reading the audio information from the record medium, a capacity-lowering step of lowering the capacity of the audio information read in the audio-information reading step, an audio storing step of storing, in an audio storing means, the audio information whose capacity is lowered in the capacity-lowering step, an audio reproducing step of reproducing the

audio information stored in the audio storing means, an another-kind-of-information reading step of reading, from the record medium, another kind of information recorded in a different position from the position of the audio information, an another-kind-of-information storing step of storing, in an another-kind-of-information storing means, another kind of information read in the another-kind-of-information reading step, and an another-kind-of-information reproducing step of reproducing another kind of information stored in the another-kind-of-information storing means; the audio information includes first audio information, and second audio information which is continuously reproduced after the first audio information; and in the capacity-lowering step, the capacity of the first audio information read in the audio-information reading step is lowered, so that the reading of the second audio information is completed before the reproduction of the first audio information is completed, for the period of time when another kind of information is reproduced in the another-kind-of-information reproducing step.

Please replace the paragraph at page 65, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A reproduction processing circuit according to the present invention which reproduces audio information and another kind of information read from a record medium where the audio information and another kind of information are recorded, characterized in that: the reproduction processing circuit includes, an information deciding section ~~means~~-for deciding which the information read from the record medium is, the audio information or another kind of information, a capacity-lowering section ~~means~~-for, if the decision is made that the information read from the record medium is the audio information, then lowering the capacity of the audio information and storing the audio information whose capacity is lowered in an audio storing section ~~means~~, and an expanding section ~~means~~-for expanding the audio information stored in the audio storing section ~~means~~; the audio information includes first audio information, and second audio information which is continuously reproduced after the first audio information; and the capacity-lowering section ~~means~~ lowers the capacity of the first audio information expanded by the expanding section ~~means~~, so that the reading of the second audio

information is completed before the reproduction of the first audio information is completed.

Please replace the paragraph at page 66, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to this configuration, a decision is made which the information read from the record medium is, the audio information or another kind of information. If the decision is made that the information read from the record medium is the audio information, then the capacity of the audio information is lowered and the audio information whose capacity has been lowered is stored in an audio storing section~~means~~. Then, the audio information stored in the audio storing section ~~means~~-is expanded. The audio information includes first audio information and second audio information which is continuously reproduced after the first audio information. The capacity of the expanded first audio information is lowered, so that the reading of the second audio information is completed before the reproduction of the first audio information is completed.